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SUBJ: CIVAIR: NORTHWEST SCHEDULE CHANGES

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1. OPERATING PERMIT FOR NWA'S SUMMER SCHEDULE WAS DELIVERED TO EMBASSY ON MAY 8 UNDER COVER OF LETTER FROM ACTING DIRECTOR OF FONOFF FIRST NORTH AMERICA DIVISION, (SCHEDULE HAS BEEN OPERATED SINCE APRIL 27 ON BASIS JCAB ORAL APPROVAL). FONOFF LETTER EXPRESSES FOLLOWING GOJ VIEW ON INCREASED CAPACITY BETWEEN JAPAN AND PHILIPPINES: QTE THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS OF THE VIEW THA THE INCREASED CAPACITY ON THEFIFTH FREEDOM SECTOR (JAPAN-PHILLIPINES) BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE NEW OPERATING SCHEDULE WOULD NOT BE JUSTIFIABLE IN TERMS OF THE TRAFFIC DEMAND AND SUPPLY SITUATION ON THE SAID SECTOR AND WOULD BE LIKELY TO AFFECT THE JAPANESE CARRIER ADVERSELY. THEREFORE, WHILE HOPING THAT NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC. WOULD BE WILLING TO PROPERLY REVISE THIS NEW OPERATING SCHEDULE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST CONSULTATION, WHENEVER IT CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE, TO REVIEW THE APPROPRIATNESS OF THE FOREGOING INCREASED CAPACITY, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNNITED STATES AS WELL AS IN THE AGREE NINUTES OF JAPANARY 14, 1959. END QTE.

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2. VALIDITY OF OPERATIML PERMIT IS LIMITED TO OCTOBER 31, 1975. IN VIEW THS LIMITATION, AND INDICATION THAT GOJ MIGHT REQUEST CAPACITY CONSULTATIONS, EMBASSY PROPOSES TO SEND FOLLOWING REPLY TO FONOFF: EBGIN TEXTRV.

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF MAY 1 CONCERNING CHANGES IN
NORTHWEST AIRLINES'S ORIENT SERVICES EFFECTIVE FROM
APRIL 27, 1975, AND HAVE NOTED THE VIEW OF THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT THAT THE INCREASED CAPACITY OFFERED BY THE
UNITED STATES VERRIER IN ITS SERVICES BETWEEN JAPAN
AND THE PHILIPPINES MAY NOT BE JUSTIFIABLE IN TERMS
OF THE TRAFFIC DEMAND AND SUPPLY SITUATION AND WOULD
BE LIKELY TO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE JAPANESE CARRIER.
PARA. THE USG WOULD BE PREPARED, AT THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST, TO CONSULT ON THE FOREGOING
SERVICES AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION FOR AT
LEAST SIX MONTHS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES
AGREED UPON IN JANUARY 1959. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO
NOTE THAT, IF CONSULTATIONS ARE UNDERTAKEN, THE AGREED
PROCEDURES ENVISION THAT THE SERVICES WOULD BE
PERMITTED BY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES TO CONTINUE TO
BE OPERATED UNTIL MUTUAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED, OR UNTIL
THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED UNDER THE APPLICABLE
PROVISIONS OF THE AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT.
PARA. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EMBASSY FURTHER NOTES
THAT THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT HAS LIMITED THE VALIDITY
OF THE OPERATING PERMIT FOR THE SERVICES IN QUESTION
TO OCTOBER 31, 1975. THE USG CONSIDERS THIS CONDITION
TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH JAPAN'S COMMITMENTS UNDER THE
1959 AGREED MINUTES AND URGES THAT IT BE WITHDRAWN.
PARA. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY THE
FOREGOING TO THE JAPANESE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES.
END TEXT.

3. E/COUNS DISCUSSED THE MATTER BRIEFLY WITH FUKUDA, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, WASHINGTON, ON MAY 12,
INDICATING THAT HE HOPED WASHINGTON COULD PERSUADE JCAB TO WITHDRAW
TERMINATION DATE OF OPERATING PERMIT WITHOUT FORMAL REPRESENTATION
BY EMBASSY. WE WOULD THEREFORE PLAN TO WITHHOLD DELIVERY OF
FOREGOING UNTIL WASHINGTON HAS HAD REASONABLE TIME TO ADJUST
MATTER WITH JCAB.
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